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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Akira ISHIBAHl et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
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Application No.: 09/210,539) Examiner: K. C. Egwim
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Filed: December 14, 1998)
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For: FORMED ARTICLE OF)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Further to the Notice of Appeal dated January 6, 2004, and as part of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are included in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.